Working Hours Of Casual Workers In Doordarshan

2524. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 587 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th December, 1999 and state :—

(a) What are the guidelines regarding the maximum and minimum limit of giving work to the casual workers employed in Doordarshan till their services are regularised;

(b) Whether there are instances of late payment of their remuneration running over months together, specially in CPC;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure timely payment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) the casual artists engaged by Doordarshan are engaged, subject to the exigencies, for a maximum 10 days in a month on rotational basis. The engagement of Group-D staff is governed by the guidelines issued by the DOPT, as applicable to all the Ministries and Departments of the Govt. of India.

(b) to (d) Some payments for the months of February and March. 2000 in Doordarshan News have been delayed for want of funds. These are being made now from the current financial year's budget.

Criminal Conspiracy And Cheating Cases In Doordarshan

2525. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) Whether CBI has registered cases against Doordarshan employees and private firms for criminal conspiracy and cheating the Doordarshan to the tune of crores of rupees;

(b) if so, the details of such cases which came to the notice of Government during the last five years;

(c) whether Government have take any action in such cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The details of cases as reported by CBI to this Ministry are given in the statement.

STATEMENTS

Details of the CBI Cases Registered Against Doordarshan Officials During Last Five Years (April 95 to March, 2000)

S. No.	Person (s)/Agency Involved	Description of Charges	Action taken by the Department
1.	Shri Ashish Khare, Production Assistant, Shri Sunil Jauhari, Film/Video Editor Miss Anita Bhaswar, Production Assistant, Shri Praveen Jauhar, Cameraman Grade-II, Shri Rakesh Tyagi, Production Assistant and M/s. Abhiyan Teletech.	Parting with Video (umatic) cassettes of Doordarshan unauthorisedly to M/s. Abhiyan Teletech.	Departmental enquiry is on.
2.	Shri N.A. Suryanarayana Programme Executive	Caught red-handed by CBI while taking bribe for showing official favour	Disciplinary proceedings are in progress.
3.	Shri G.P. Ojha, E.A.	Submission of false LTC claim.	Amount recovered with penal interest on LTC advance.

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			Penalty of reduction by two stages in time scale of pay without cumulative effect for a period of two years has been imposed.
5.	Shri M.D. Vasanth Kumar Production Assistant.	Caught red handed while accepting bribe for showing official favour by allotting commercials.	Matter is subjudice.
6.	Shri M.S.Gunasheelan, Production Assistant and Shri Anil Kumar Srivastava, Producer Grade-II	Conspiracy to cheat DDK, Bangalore by preparing false and inflated bills/ cash receipts in respect of hiring of artists, costumes, locations etc. in the name of non-existing firm.	The officials have been charge-sheeted.
7.	Shri John Samuel, Producer Grade-II Shri K. Parameswaran, Editor, and Shri T. Venkatesh, Cameraman Grade II	Producing royality sports programmes by Shri John Samuel in the name of M/s. Belvedere Communications, Cochin, M/s. Pumed	Officials have been charge-sheeted.

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		Communications, Thiruvanantpuram, M/s. Sports Boom, Thirvananthapuram, M/s. Sports Vision, Cochin and M/s. Octopal Sports Management Group, Trissur, Shri Venkatesh and Paremeswaran worked for an outside agency—M/s. Vision-2000 for remuneration while in service.	
8.	Shri Rajendra Prasad, LDC.	Shri Rajendra Prasad, LDC Caught red handed by the CBI while taking bribe	Shri Rajendra Prasad is under suspension. The matter is subjudice
9.	Shri Dilip Wagheswari PEX	Caught red handed while taking bribe.	Under suspension. Sanction for prosecution provided to CBI. Regular Departmental Action is in progress.
10.	Smt. S. Usha Devi, A.O.	Case registered for entrusting the work of computerization of pay and arears of	The Official has been charge-sheeted.

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		staff members of DDK, Thiruvananthapuram to a non-existing private agency M/s. Success Systems.	
11.	Shri P. Govindaraju, Sr. A.O.	Demanding bribe from a fellow employee in the performance of official duty.	The official has been charge-sheeted.
12.	Shri M.B. Pahari, DDG	Acceptance of illegal gratification and favour towards the Shri Naveen Kohli in the production of royality programmes, hiring of editing facilities etc.	The official has been placed under suspension and the SP report from CBI is awaited.
13.	Shri K.M. Anees-Ul-Haq, DDG	Favouritism shown in the approval of sponsored serials without following the laid down procedure.	The official has been placed under suspension. The oral enquiry is over and is under examination.
14.	NDTV	Case has already been registered by CBI on a complaint against NDTV.	Action will be initiated as per the recommendations of CBI.

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15.	Shri S.K. Mathur, Chief Producer	Award of contract to firms owned by his family and close relatives.	Report from CBI is awaited.
16.	Shri R. Basu and others	Sourcing of software in violation of the laid down guidelines.	Report from CBI is awaited.
17.	Shri Vinod Rawat, Floor Manager.	Illegal possession of documents of some private firms dealing with Doordarshan.	Some additional information asked for by CBI is being furnished.
18.	Shri T. Nanakan, EE(C), Shri N. Sasidharan, Draftsman and Shri K. Venugopal of Kamani Enterprises.	Irregularities in the transportation of cement.	Departmental action is being initiated against the Govt. officials.

Telecasting and Broadcasting from Kurseong in Darjeeling Hills

2526. SHRI DAWA LAMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Broadcasting from Kurseong Radio Station is not audible in most of the places in Darjeeling hills;

(b) whether Government are also aware that programmes telecast for Kurseong T.V. relay centre are so poor that they cannot be seen without booster in Darjeeling hills; and